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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Noise Exposure Map Notice for Laughlin/Bullhead International Airport, Bullhead City, Arizona

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) announces its determination that the noise exposure maps submitted by Mohave County Airport Authority, for Laughlin/Bullhead International Airport under the provisions of 49 U.S.C. 47501 et. seq (Aviation Safety and Noise Abatement Act) and 14 CFR Part 150 are in compliance with applicable requirements.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This notice is effective [INSERT DATE OF PUBLICATION IN FEDERAL REGISTER] and applicable on November 21, 2013.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jared M. Raymond, Airport Planner, Federal Aviation Administration, 2800 N. 44th Street, Suite 510, Phoenix, Arizona, 85008, Telephone: (602) 379-3022.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice announces that the FAA finds that the noise exposure maps submitted for Laughlin/Bullhead International Airport are in compliance with applicable requirements of 14 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 150 (hereinafter referred

to as "Part 150"), effective November 21, 2013. Under 49 U.S.C. section 47503 of the Aviation Safety and Noise Abatement Act (hereinafter referred to as "the Act"), an airport operator may submit to the FAA noise exposure maps which meet applicable regulations and which depict non-compatible land uses as of the date of submission of such maps, a description of projected aircraft operations, and the ways in which such operations will affect such maps. The Act requires such maps to be developed in consultation with interested and affected parties in the local community, government agencies, and persons using the airport. An airport operator who has submitted noise exposure maps that are found by FAA to be in compliance with the requirements of Part 150, promulgated pursuant to the Act, may submit a noise compatibility program for FAA approval which sets forth the measures the operator has taken or proposes to take to reduce existing non-compatible uses and prevent the introduction of additional non-compatible uses.

The FAA has completed its review of the noise exposure maps and accompanying documentation submitted by the Mohave County Airport Authority. The documentation that constitutes the "Noise Exposure Maps" as defined in section 150.7 of Part 150 includes: Exhibit 1 Existing (2012) Noise Exposure Map and Exhibit 2 Future (2017) Noise Exposure Map. The existing and future Noise Exposure Maps contain current and forecast information including the depiction of the airport and its boundaries, the runway configuration and runway expansion (future), noise sensitive land uses such as residential, noise sensitive institutions, and schools are shown within the existing and future noise contours. Arrival and departure flight tracks for the existing and five-year forecast Noise Exposure Maps are found in Exhibits 2C, 2D, 2F, 2G and 2H. Table 2C summarized the operational fleet mix for Laughlin/Bullhead International Airport for existing (2012) and future (2017) conditions. Table 2D summarizes the type and frequency (in percentage) of aircraft operations (including nighttime operations) for existing conditions (2012) and future conditions (2017). The FAA has determined that these noise exposure maps and accompanying documentation are in compliance with applicable requirements. This determination is effective on November 21, 2013.

FAA's determination on an airport operator's noise exposure maps is limited to a finding that the maps were developed in accordance with the procedures contained in Appendix A of Part 150. Such determination does not constitute approval of the applicant's data, information or plans, or a commitment to approve a noise compatibility program or to fund the implementation of that program. If questions arise concerning the precise relationship of specific properties to noise exposure contours depicted on a noise exposure map submitted under section 47503 of the Act, it should be noted that the FAA is not involved in any way in determining the relative locations of specific properties with regard to the depicted noise contours, or in interpreting the noise exposure maps to resolve questions concerning, for example, which properties should be covered by the provisions of section 47506 of the Act. These functions are inseparable from the ultimate land use control and planning responsibilities of local government. These local responsibilities are not changed in any way under Part 150 or through FAA's review of noise exposure maps. Therefore, the responsibility for the detailed overlaying of noise exposure contours onto the map depicting properties on the surface rests exclusively with the airport operator that submitted those maps, or with those public agencies and planning agencies with which consultation is required under section 47503 of the Act. The FAA has relied on the certification by the airport operator, under section 150.21 of Part 150, that the statutorily required consultation has been accomplished.

Copies of the full noise exposure map documentation and of the FAA's evaluation of the maps are available for examination at the following locations during normal business hours:

Federal Aviation Administration
Western-Pacific Region
Airports Division, Room 3012
15000 Aviation Boulevard
Hawthorne, California 90261

Federal Aviation Administration
Phoenix Airports Field Office,
2800 N. 44th Street, Suite 510
Phoenix, Arizona 85008

Laughlin/Bullhead International Airport
2550 Laughlin View Drive, Suite 117
Bullhead City, Arizona 86429
Monday thru Friday 8:00am to 5:00pm

Questions may be directed to the individual named above under the heading **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT.**

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Western-Pacific Region.

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